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Check Pilots Complete Training Seminar

Thirty-six Minnesota Wing pilots attended the National Check Pilot and Mission Check Pilot Seminar on 20 & 21 April 2002. The seminar was held at South St. Paul (Fleming) Airport, MN. Flying was completed on Saturday, 20 April. Over six inches of snow prevented flying on the 21st. Capt Mike Hartell, the Wing Standardization/Evaluation Officer was the director of the seminar. The attendees and staff were:

Col Gerald Quilling, Col Kevin Sliwinski, Lt Col Keith Bischoff, Lt Col Clark Carlson, Lt Col Richard Vosika, Lt Col Keith Flanagan, Lt Col Mary Mason, Lt Col Robert Dykstra, Lt Col Sever Knutson, Lt Col Thomas Woods, Lt Col John Modders, Lt Col John Quilling, Major Emanuel Block, Major Carl Hallum, Major Thomas Vashro, Major Richard Josephson, Major Craig Lommel, Capt Douglas McGraw, Capt James Meyer, Capt Gerald Kleene, Capt Ryan Streifel, Capt Alan Wollum, Capt Stuart Lieber, Capt Nick Scherger, Capt Thomas Pfingsten, Capt Michael Hartell, Capt Joan Kistner, Capt Gary Lemasters, Capt Robert Kistner, Capt William Pagel, Capt Ulrich Roedder, 1st Lt Richard Dalquist, SM Scott Parrish, SM Gerald Wolfram, SM Vasilios Daravingas, SM Jason Urban



First AE Officer Workshop a Success



2002 AE Workshop Participants: Lt Ralph Tomilson and Capt Suzanne Tomilson (IA 091) Lt Col Tom Theis (MN001), 1st Lt Dan Barto (MN012), SM Gina Palazarri-Chavez and Cadet Josef Kneisz (MN017), Cadet Chelsea Herzfeld (MN021), Capt Joan Kistner and SM Deanne Otto (MN030), Capt Les Rostad (MN047), Maj Robert Aceves (MN094 and MN 116), Capt S. Blaze Cunningham (MN104), Capt Rolf Carlson and 2Lt Gentry Stanley (MN115), 2d Lt Kim Johnson (MN122), Capt Don Dalton (MN131), 1st Lt Michael Eckers and Cadet Isaac Eckers (MN132), and Maj Dennis Yeager (NCR).

AE Workshop Article by Capt Marcel Derosier
AE Workshop Picture by Col Kevin Sliwinski
Check Pilot Seminar Article by Picture by Col Kevin Sliwinski

Twenty-five members from 13 squadrons and 2 wings attended the conference, held on Saturday, 13 April 2002 at the St. Cloud State University. The Minnesota Wing Aerospace Education Directorate and St. Cloud State University Department of Aviation sponsored the workshop.

The Workshop was the first of its kind held in the history of Minnesota Wing. Senior members and cadets both presented and participated in the activity. The presenters came from the ranks of the Anoka, North Hennepin, St. Croix and Wing Headquarters Squadrons and were joined by energetic participants from all over the Wing to learn about various aspects of the Aerospace mission. The participants enjoyed the presentations and atmosphere created at the St. Cloud State University Campus. The University provided the facilities, computer systems, and dining services, which TSgt Pat Matson coordinated.

The Workshop consisted of nine sessions, including an overview of the Aerospace Education Officer Specialty track, Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members (AEPsM or Yeager), Model Rocketry, External Aerospace Education, Aerospace Excellence (AEX), Aerospace Mentoring, as well as a practical weather station and feedback session. Six senior members and one cadet contributed presentations and materials to Workshop to offer two tracks, one for AE Officers working with seniors, the other for those working with cadets.

Col Kevin Sliwinski, Lt Col John Evans, Capt Marcel Derosier, 1st Lt Mark Steeves, and C/Capt Lori Sobolewski presented. Capt Jay Craswell, 1st Lt Colleen Rivard, and C/Maj Jack Houck contributed presentations and activities.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Dale Hoium cc@mnwg.cap.gov



The training that Civil Air Patrol offers is astounding. Have you ever just sat back and considered the training CAP has given you? Training is a large part of what we do in CAP. In the cadet program as well as the senior program, the training is building blocks to make us a more well rounded person.

In our training we learn a lot about ourselves. We learn how to discipline ourselves and strive for excellence in all we do. CAP is a volunteer organization that allows us to learn about and experience a variety of things. The opportunity we all have as a part of this organization can expand our personal being and behavior.

Now I will readily admit some of our training is not always fun and exciting, but it is needful. Sometimes it may be our own attitude that causes us not to like some training. I remember when as a Captain; a couple of us were on our way to a mission management course. There was scheduled a two hour discussion of mission PAO by a then Major Donaldson. We complained all the way to the class. I was never so spell bound in my life. He made that study so interesting and fun, I was disappointed when it was done. Two lessons to be learned: Don't go into things with a negative attitude and secondly, make your classes interesting.

There is even training opportunities for ourselves in the everyday things we do within a unit. Getting reports in on time or meeting deadlines teaches self-discipline and frankly makes us feel good about ourselves. I am going to feel a whole lot better when I have this article completed. I have five days to deadline and people are counting on me. If I don't get it in on time, Wing Tips could be delayed and you couldn't read the other columns you are really interested in.

When I hit the send button, it is because my ES training has taught me others are depending on me. My observer training has taught me self-discipline. The ECI-13 taught me how to dangle a participle so I can communicate. Point being, the training we receive in CAP is applicable in every facet of our lives.

NORTH HENNEPIN SQUADRON RECIEVES AEF GRANT

Crystal, MN--The North Hennepin Squadron received a \$250 grant from the Aerospace Education Foundation on 20 March 2002. The Squadron applied for a Winter Grant in December of 2001 to support a field trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright- Patterson AFB.

Capt Jon Frost suggested the idea of the field trip, while Capt Marcel Derosier and 1st Lt Mark Steeves put together the details for the grant proposal. The grant is the first in the history of the Unit. The trip is planned for August, with 20 cadets and 4 senior members participating.

CADET & SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Fort Snelling Squadron

C/Capt Josh Gulbranson to C/Maj

North Hennepin Squadron

Cadet Kevin Pieper to C/2d Lt
Cadet Mark Pomerleau to C/2d Lt
Cadet Ben Hartzell to C/2d Lt
Cadet James Hartzel to C/2d Lt
SM Scott Slawson to 2d Lt
SM Janelle Gates to 2d Lt
SM Rob Carlson to 2d Lt

Owatonna Squadron

SM Jerry Rosendahl, to Capt.

Viking Squadron

SM Jeff Cahn to 2nd Lt
SM John Mawer to 2nd Lt
2d Lt Rich Dalquist to 1st Lt
SM Ronn Winkler to 1st Lt

Unit commanders can have recent Cadet Officer and Senior Member promotions listed here by sending an e-mail to pa@mnwg.cap.gov



ANOKA SQUADRON CADETS RECEIVE MITCHELL AND EARHART AWARDS

C/Capt Lori Sobolewski was presented the Earhart award during Anoka Squadron's award program by Col Dale Hoium.

At the same program C/2d Lt Andrea Sudjapun and C/2d Lt Chelsea Herzfeld were presented their Mitchell Awards by Group 3 Commander Major Tom Kettell.



Group II BlueCAP

1st Lt Andrew Dew, Northstar Squadron

On April 12-14th members of North Star, Crow Wing, and Hutchinson Squadrons participated in an Emergency Services BlueCAP held at the Brainerd/Crow Wing Airport.

Courses included basics all the way up to training for ground team leaders. Participants got to do a missing person search and ELT searches during the day, then once the sun set they went out on a night ops mission to look for not one ELT but two going off at the same time and only 5 miles apart.

The participants divided into three ground teams to hunt down the ELTs and used a Strike Team approach to run the mission. The ground teams had both ELTs located and turned off within two hours. The night concluded with every team getting to find the last ELT and a final group picture on the Gull Dam Bridge. (Picture Above)

The project officer was 1st Lt Andrew Dew, the ground team instructor was Maj Craig Lommel, and the communications instructor was 1st Lt Ben Ramler all of North Star Cadet Squadron.

130th Squadron "Stealth" BlueCAP

The 130th Squadron recently conducted a BlueCAP Training Exercise on 13-14 April at Lakeville Airport.

The MN National Guard provided the tentage for the headquarters and shelter for the members who participated in the training. Power was strictly emergency power only using parts of an Army Surplus generator coupled to a lawn mower engine. Both VHF and HF stations were quickly put on the air and tactical communications were conducted on VHF whilst HF action was limited to a first ever MN CAP to MN Army MARS net check in.

Training was conducted in Air Operations, Communications, and Ground Search and Rescue. There was even a "live" ELT search mission.

Captain Jay Craswell wrote a great summary of the mission. It and pictures from the training can be found in the April Issue of WingTips Plus! It is exclusively available on the Minnesota Wing Website www.mnwg.cap.gov/wingtips

Members put ES Skills to work on Live Mission! **SM Mike Barrett, St Paul Squadron PAO**

The St. Paul Composite Squadron was conducting a Ground Team (GT) radio training session on April 20th when the call went out over the practice net to return to the training room, immediately.

It soon became clear that this was about to become an actual mission.

The initial report was that the contact was somewhere in the Twin Cities. A quick review of the map showed the contact considerably north of the Cities. Two airborne contacts were reported; one out of St. Cloud and the other from Brainerd, but neither area reported a contact on the ground. After reviewing the coordinates it became clear that the search area was a bit larger than the 2 GT search vehicles could effectively cover.

The call went out for an aircraft to join in the search while the intrepid GT continued to sweep an area near Princeton, MN with no contact. The closest aircrews responded as quickly as possible and were soon reporting contact with the ELT signal. The crew of CAPFlight 2154 did outstanding work and was quickly guiding the GT to the suspected source of the signal.

Roughly 4 hours after the call went out the GT walked up to an aircraft on the ground in Foley, MN and asked the somewhat surprised owner if he would kindly turn off his ELT. One of the owner's first comments was, "is that why that plane was flying over here, I thought he was looking for something, I thought maybe a fire or something." Apparently, the owner had taken the aircraft, a Rans S7 (experimental), out for a little Spring-cleaning and in the process thought it would be a good idea to disable the ELT.

The GT was composed of four Cadets and three senior members representing St. Paul Composite and Valley Squadrons. Three GT members were participating in their very first mission. It could not have been a better day for the search and as CAPFlight 2154 stated, this was a, "textbook case."

Ground Team participants included: Major Stan Kegel, 1st Lt Harlan Bloom, SM Jansen, SM Barrett, SM Kelzenberg C/Maj Walker, C/A1C Herry, C/SSgt Friese (Valley)

In the April Issue of WingTips Plus!

Eagle Scout and Viking Cadet Recognized
CAP Members Participate in Joint Exercise at Cp Ripley
CAP Family visits Fighter Museum
St Paul Squadron's C-130 Orientation Flight
Cadet Encampment News
AND MUCH MORE!!!!!!

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MINNESOTA WING CALENDAR

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WEBSITE AT WWW.MNWG.CAP.GOV/CALENDAR

MAY 2002

- 3-5 Wing Conference
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Prairie Island Evacuation Exercise
- 17-19 NHQ Compliance Inspection of Wing HQ
- 18-19 Wing SAREX, Group 1
- 27 Memorial Day -- -- Drive & Fly Safe!
- 31-02 Encampment Preparatory School

JUNE 2002

- 1-30 USCGA Joint Training
- 7-9 Ground Team SAREX
- 7-9 Mission Pilot Check-ride, unit based
- 14-15 NCR Conference, Des Moines, IA
- 15-23 Cadet Encampment, Grand Forks AFB, ND
- 16 Grand Rapids Squadron Pancake Breakfast
- 16 St Croix Squadron Pancake Breakfast
- 16 Hutchinson Squadron Pancake Breakfast
& Pork Chop Supper
- 22 Flight Academy CFI Course
- 28-30 Wing SAREX, Group 4

JULY 2002

- 12-20 Flight Academy, Mankato Airport
- 16 Model Rocketry Competition
- 7-13 NCR Staff College, Offutt AB, NE
- 24-25 AFA MN Homeland Security Seminar
- 26-28 Wing SAREX, Group 2

Aerospace Education News**Col Kevin Sliwinski, MNWG/DAE**

What did your unit do for Space Day 2002: Adventure to Mars? Send me an E-Mail describing your activity to me at dcst.mnwg.cap@juno.com.

Look to the stars: Overhead you can still see Leo. Two of the brightest stars in the sky are just East of Leo. They are Arcturus in the constellation Bootes and Spica in the constellation Virgo. If you follow the curve of the handle of the Big Dipper in an arc across the eastern sky, you will find these stars. The North Star (Polaris) does vary slightly from true north during the year (less than two degrees). When you see the Big Dipper (Ursa Major) above Polaris (as it is this month), Polaris is directly north.

The most spectacular event in the sky is the alignment of the planets at sunset. Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Mercury and Venus will be visible. You can tell a planet from a star because; the light from a star will flicker. The light from a planet will be steady. A display as dramatic as this will not happen for another 70 years.

Aerospace Education and Operations is planning an Instrument Ground School for 7, 8 and 14 September. Location to be announced. Mark your calendar now if you are planning to work toward an instrument rating!

Gaits CFI Refresher will be at the Hudson House in Hudson, WI on May 17th and 18th.

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